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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment mostly steady to barely steady on frozen toms, frozen hens barely steady to fully steady with 8-12 lb. sizes in the tightest position. Demand light, trading moderate. One load of frozen toms 28 lbs. and up traded at 74 cents in the Midwest. Fresh offerings short to light on hens, toms tight to instances adequate. Sales of fresh turkeys in the Midwest, 85 cents on hens and 79 cents on toms. Frozen offerings of 8-12 lb. hens limited, 12-16 lb. sizes light to fully adequate. Undertone fully steady to firm on 4-8 lb. breasts. Trading light on bulk parts, meats and rib breasts.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand light to moderate. Trading slow with most interest coming from Asia and Mexico. Offerings of frozen thigh meat, drums, and frozen mechanically separated turkey uneven ranging from short to adequate.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 04, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-80	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-74	73	73.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-79	78-79	78.71	280	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-80	80	80.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	71-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	71-74	73-74	73.33	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	71-75	71-75	71.31	260	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF NOV. 05, 1999	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	80.43	81.51	73.58
CENTRAL REGION	78.00	77.55	72.89
WESTERN REGION	79.11	80.00	73.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	70.83	73.50	76.46
CENTRAL REGION	70.89	69.45	74.76
WESTERN REGION	72.60	75.00	76.30 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	97-102
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	97-102
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	85-86
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	80-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	80-82

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	88-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	87-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	87-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	90-104

<u>FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT</u>	U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 08-OCT-99			
	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	86.87	600	81.87	600
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	86.87	600	81.87	600
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		240		240

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NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 23-OCT-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>---YOUNG TURKEYS---</u>			<u>FRYER</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TKY</u>
	<u>THOUSAND</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>RSTR</u>	<u>BAND</u>		<u>AVG</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>% CHG</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>----THOUSAND HEAD----</u>			<u>WT</u>
NEAST	1,355	53	21.89	NONE	NONE	1,355	21.90
SATL	719	-1	27.90	(A)	(A)	738	27.90
N CENT	2,603	20	28.02	(A)	(A)	2,615	28.00
S CENT	332	-31	16.71	NONE	NONE	332	16.71
WEST	369	-27	22.78	(A)	(A)	373	22.94
U.S.TOTAL	5,378(B)	12	25.40	0	35	5,413	25.42

TO DATE

1999 202,733(B) 55 1,554 204,342

TO DATE

1998 211,792(B) 72 1,623 213,487

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 9,000 for the year 635,000; last year to date 1,002,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 23-OCT-99

	<u>FRYER- ROASTERS</u>	<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>	<u>OLD BANDED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>			
HEAD	0	5,378	35	5,413
AVGWT	0.00	25.40	28.17	25.42
LAST WEEK	0	4,756	77	4,833
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	5,014	40	5,054
AVGWT	0.00	23.34(A)	28.00	23.38
TO-DATE/1999	55	202,733(A)	1,554	204,342
TO-DATE/1998	72	211,792(A)	1,623	213,487

(A) Includes 635,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,002,000 in 1998.

CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP 30-Oct-99

FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 369 HD, 8,404 LBS,
TO DATE 14,367 HD, 348,716 LBS; OLD 4 HD, TO DATE 243 HD;
TOTAL 373 HD, TO DATE 14,610 HD.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

SEPTEMBER	440,221 *
OCTOBER 1-23, 1999	313,068 *

To date 1999 4,178,036 *

To date 1998 4,236,242 *

* PRELIMINARY

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 04 NOVEMBER 1999.

Trade sentiment on drums and full-cut wings steady to firm, tom 2-joint wings mixed ranging from barely steady to fully steady, hen 2-joint wings steady to firm, tom necks mixed ranging from weak in the West to fully steady. Bulk parts demand light to instances good, best on drums and full-cut wings, slow to fair on necks. Trading light centering on fresh 4-8 lb. breasts, fresh mechanically separated turkey and fresh thigh meat. Offerings of bulk parts light at best on full-cut wings and drums, hen 2-joints tight, tom 2-joints light to fully adequate, tom necks light to ample. For export: tom necks (2 containers) 19 cents.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	149.00-154.00		152.57	280
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	106.00		106.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	27.00		27.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	26.58	138
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	30.00	64
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	29.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	28.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	65.00	20
NECKS, TOM		W	19.00	20
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	140.00		140.00	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	145.00		145.00	140
THIGH MEAT	62.00		62.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	64.00		64.00	210
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	106.00	6
SCAPULA MEAT		W	60.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	119.00		119.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	53.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00		19.00	280
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	26.60	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	12.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	20.72	184
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.00		63.00	52

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 05 NOVEMBER 1999.

Undertone barely steady at best on tom breast meat with some sellers resisting the lower buyer bids. Destrapped tenderloin undertone steady to instances weak with some sellers indicating a willingness to negotiate. Undertone steady at best on MST with increased domestic fresh activity noted. Demand light to good, best on 4-8 lb. breasts, drums and full-cut wings. Trading heavy on fresh 4-8 lb breasts, balance light to fair. Trading light on Grade A 12-16 lb. breasts 115, plant grade breasts at 106 on 8-10 lb. and 12-14 lb. at 125, fresh destrapped tenderloins 126-129 cents delivered. Defatted gizzards 83 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	135.00		135.00	1,440	137.86	1,720
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	106.00	80	106.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	24.00-26.00		25.00	40	26.15	132
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	25.00		25.00	10	25.00	10
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	26.58	138	26.58	138
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00-31.00		30.20	200	30.15	264
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	29.00	20	29.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00		30.00	14	28.52	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	65.00	20	65.00	20
NECKS, TOM	16.00-21.00		17.67	60	18.00	80
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	140.00	120	139.10	420
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	143.00-146.00		144.54	389	143.60	929
THIGH MEAT		R	62.00	40	62.00	60
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	62.50-66.00		63.67	122	63.94	362
BREAST TRIM MEAT	109.00		109.00	40	109.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	63.00-64.00		63.35	62	65.54	182
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	125.00-127.00		126.00	80	122.50	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	52.00-53.00		52.50	80	52.75	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	80		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.00-19.00		18.36	440	18.75	800
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00		29.00	80	27.29	280
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00		27.00	208	27.00	208
TAILS		W	12.33	120	12.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.50		20.50	208	20.60	392
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	61.00-62.50		61.90	144	61.67	532

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